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SUBJECT: ITALY OPPOSES KOSOVO ICJ RESOLUTION, BUT IS WARY
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Classified By: A/Pol M/C Gabriel Escobar for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to MFA Acting Balkans Office Director Andrea Cascone August 27. Cascone said Italy opposes Serbia's proposal to seek an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the legality of Kosovo's declaration of independence. Italy still holds out for a possible common European position on the question, but Cascone thought it was unlikely, given the internal divisions on Kosovo within Europe. At the same time Italy is concerned that actively lobbying against the Serbian resolution would be problematic for Europe, a view he said Italy has already expressed within the Quint.
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